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THE PROWLER

Hobie Brown was a brilliant inventor trapped in an unfulfilling job. Inspired to make something more of himself, he became...

THE PROWLER

RECENTLY, SPIDER-MAN ASKED HOBIE BROWN TO INVESTIGATE NEW U, A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY WHOSE PATIENTS HAD STARTED SETTING OFF HIS SPIDER-SENSE!

HOBIE INFILTRATED THE COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS AND DISCOVERED THAT ONE OF SPIDER-MAN'S OLDEST FOES, THE JACKAL, WAS IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION AND USING HIS CLONING TECHNOLOGY TO RAISE THE DEAD. BEFORE HE COULD RELAY THE INFORMATION BACK TO SPIDER-MAN, HOBIE WAS DISCOVERED AND SEVERELY BURNED BY THE NEW FEMALE ELECTRO. FORTUNATELY, JACKAL USED HIS CLONING TECH TO CREATE A NEW, UNDAMAGED BODY FOR HOBIE, GIVING HIM A NEW LEASE ON LIFE. DEPENDENT ON THE JACKAL FOR MEDICATION TO KEEP HIS NEW BODY FROM DECOMPOSING, HOBIE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO WORK FOR THE VILLAIN.

THANKS TO THE HELP OF HIS ALLIES AND SOME QUICK THINKING, SPIDER-MAN STOPPED THE JACKAL, THOUGH MANY OF THE REANIMATED SUPERHUMANS WHOM HE HAD BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE DID NOT SURVIVE THE ORDEAL.

THE CLONE OF HOBIE WAS ONE OF THEM.

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PARKER INDUSTRIES.

SO, HOBIE, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

IT'S BEEN A WEIRD FEW WEEKS. THERE WAS A CLONE OF ME RUNNING AROUND, BEING ME, AND WORKING FOR THE JACKAL.

AND I WASN'T EVEN AROUND FOR ANY OF IT, BECAUSE I WAS DEAD.

I DON'T KNOW THAT I'D SAY *DEAD.*

SEVERLY BURNED, MAYBE. BUT NOT *DEAD.*

MAYBE. BUT I SURE *COULD HAVE* BEEN.

THAT'S THE JOB, UNFORTUNATELY.

IS *THAT* WHAT I CAN LOOK FORWARD TO?

"DYING ON THE JOB?"

CRASH!!

STOP RIGHT THERE, VULTURE!

I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY!

FWP

AHHH!

DAMMIT!!!

NO!!

MISSED IT!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE AROUND 56TH AND 8TH. I'LL HAVE TO CIRCLE BACK.

ONCE I FINALLY TAKE DOWN--

OH, NO.

SMASH

NEED TO DEPLOY MY CAP--

CRUNCH

C'MON, PETER. YOU *KNOW* I'M NOT GOING OUT THAT WAY.

DYING IS NEVER THE PLAN, HOBIE.

NO? SO, THEN, WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE?

LIVING.

GOING OUT EVERY DAY AND TRYING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

RIGHT. BUT FOR HOW LONG?

HOW LONG DO WE KEEP DOING THIS?

WE DO IT UNTIL WE CAN'T ANYMORE.

AND HOW WILL YOU KNOW WHEN THAT IS?

HOW WOULD I KNOW? MY RETIREMENTS HAVE NEVER STUCK.

HM.

SO... WHAT?

"SO, YOU'RE PLANNING ON DOING THIS FOREVER?

YOU AREN'T DONE YET?

WHY IS THIS TAKING SO LONG?

YOU WANT TO HELP?

WISH I COULD. ONLY TWO COUNTING MACHINES.

YOU NEED MACHINE TO COUNT?

SHUT UP! I'M WATCHING THIS.

HEY, WHERE'S DEMETRI? HE HASN'T COME BACK?

YOU DON'T SEE HIM, DO YOU?

WEIRD. HE SAID HE'D BE BACK SOON. MAYBE HE'S OUT FOR A DRINK. I COULD GO FOR ONE.

BOO.

PROWLER?! HOW MANY MORE TIMES ARE WE GONNA HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS FOSSIL. PUT HIM DOWN FOR GOOD!

ARGGHH!!!

BLAM

BLAM

YOU SON OF A--

HNG!

HYURCK!

CRACK

ARGGHHH!!!

SHNK

THUD

WEEEOOOOWEEEOOOOWEEEOOOO

POLICE.

WEEEOOOO
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CLICK

--EXCITEMENT DOWNTOWN TODAY AS THE MAYOR WELCOMED THE AVENGERS TO CITY HALL TO AWARD THEM FOR SAVING THE CITY FROM RED SKULL AND HIS ARMY OF CYBER-ENHANCED CORPSE WARRIORS.

ALL THE AVENGERS WERE THERE-- MS. MARVEL, SPIDER-MAN, TYRANNOSAURUS MECH, AND IRON HEART.

THE MAYOR THANKED EACH MEMBER PERSONALLY AND THEN JOINED THEM FOR A **PARADE** DOWN THE CANYON OF HEROES.

IT WAS A DAY OF CHEER AND CELEBRATION AS NEW YORK THANKED ITS HEROES FOR ALL THEY HAVE DONE FOR US.

NO, I DON'T LIKE WHERE THAT ROAD LEADS, EITHER.

HOBIE, YOU KNOW I CAN'T SIT HERE AND TELL YOU THAT THIS LIFE IS GOING TO BE EASY.

TRUST ME, I *KNOW* HOW DIFFICULT THIS LIFE IS.

MANY TIMES OVER.

THERE HAVE GOT TO BE EASIER WAYS TO LIVE.

THERE ARE. AND YOU KNOW THAT.

YOU'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE. TAKING THE EASY WAY OUT.

THE LAST THING I WANT TO SEE IS YOU GOING BACK THERE AGAIN.

"WE *BOTH* KNOW HOW THAT WOULD END.

AHHHH!!!

PLEASE, STOP CRYING! YOU'RE MAKING TOO MUCH NOISE.

I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU.

THIS IS A NEW LOW, PROWLER. KIDNAPPING?

I JUST WANT HER DAD'S MONEY.

AND YOU WILL NOT STOP ME!

PROWLER, HOBIE--COME ON! I REALLY DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.

THEN LEAVE ME ALONE!

...WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR *YOU!*

I CAN'T DO THAT UNTIL I RESCUE *THAT* LITTLE GIRL.

SHE WASN'T IN ANY DANGER UNTIL *YOU* ARRIVED! HER DAD WILL PAY. HE'S GOT *MORE* THAN ENOUGH MONEY. SHE'LL BE SAFE BY MORNING...

AGH!

SPIDER-MAN!!!

YOU ALWAYS UNDERESTIMATED YOURSELF.

YOU ALWAYS UNDERESTIMATED ME.

ARGHH!!!

UNNNGH...!

DAMMIT!

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN, PROWLER? YOU COULD HAVE BEEN ANYTHING YOU WANTED. AND YOU BECAME *THIS.*

I GOTCHA KIDDO. WE'RE GONNA GET YOU HOME, OKAY?

THE COPS WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE TO PICK YOU UP.

I'M SORRY, HOBIE.

SORRY, PETER.

I GUESS AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED, I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE EVEN *PRETENDING* TO KNOW WHAT'S COMING.

THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME.

THANKS FOR SEEING ME. YOU KNOW THAT I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT YOU. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY.

"YOU'VE ALWAYS SEEMED TO ME TO BE SOMEONE BOUNCING FROM MISSION TO MISSION.

"I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY, HOBIE.

"SO I THINK YOU JUST NEED TO REALLY TAKE SOME TIME...

"...AND I WANT YOU TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS YOU REALLY WANT."

DADDY!

YOU'RE HOME!

I'M HOME.

HEY, HONEY.

HEY. WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

LEFTOVERS. AND YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE IT.

SO, HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?

GREAT!

I DREW A PICTURE TODAY!

OF WHAT?

OUR FAMILY!

WOW!

THIS IS AMAZING.

HEY, TRUE BELIEVERS! WHAT AN ADVENTURE FOR POOR HOBIE BROWN, HUH? WE'RE HOPING YOU'VE LOVED THIS FINAL CHAPTER OF HIS STORY, AND THANKS FOR READING THIS SERIES! AND THANKS, TOO, TO SEAN RYAN, OUR TERRIFIC WRITER, JAVIER SALTARES, OUR INCREDIBLE LAYOUT ARTIST, AND JAMAL CAMPBELL! THIS SERIES WAS JAMAL'S FIRST TIME DRAWING THE INTERIORS OF A COMIC BOOK, AND I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT HE KNOCKED IT OUT OF THE PARK!

AND, HEY! IF YOU LIKE THE PROWLER, BE SURE TO PICK UP THESE OTHER GREAT TITLES FROM YOUR PALS AT THE SPIDER-OFFICE!

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #25

SPIDER-WOMAN #17

SPIDER-GWEN #18

NOVA #5

ON SALE THIS MONTH!

ZONE